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MINNESOTA'S AUGUST MILK OUTPUT UP 0.7 PERCENT

August 2008 milk production totaled 725 million pounds in Minnesota, up 0.7 percent from the 720 million pounds produced in August 2007, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. July milk output was revised to 742 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,560 pounds in August 2008, up 5 pounds from last August. The revised July rate was 1,595 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during August 2008 was 465,000 head, unchanged from the revised July number, but up 2,000 from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 8 months of 2008 was 5.90 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the same period a year ago.

AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.5 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during August 2008 totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2007 in the 23 major States. July's revised production was at 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from July 2007. The July revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds from last month's preliminary estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,717 pounds for August, down 2 pounds from August 2007. The number of milk cows in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than August 2007, but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 8 months of 2008 was 118.0 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Aug 2007	Jul 2008 Rev.	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	Jul 2008 Rev.	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	Jul 2008 Rev.	Aug 2008	2008 as % of 2007
	Thousand Head			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
CA	1,819	1,846	1,843	1,900	1,850	1,840	3,456	3,415	3,391	98.1
ID	520	556	555	1,970	1,960	1,960	1,024	1,090	1,088	106.3
MN	463	465	465	1,555	1,595	1,560	720	742	725	100.7
NY	625	626	626	1,640	1,690	1,690	1,025	1,058	1,058	103.2
PA	550	546	548	1,610	1,630	1,590	886	890	871	98.3
WI	1,248	1,252	1,252	1,645	1,670	1,655	2,053	2,091	2,072	100.9
23 States	8,330	8,470	8,467	1,719	1,743	1,717	14,323	14,762	14,539	101.5

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